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December 10, 1982

Mr. William F. Bolger
Postmaster General
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
475 L'Enfant Plaza
Washington, DC 20260

Dear Mr. Bolger:

The Carbondale Historical Society regrets that the United States Postal Service has decided to move from its present building in Carbondale at the southwest corner of North Main Street and Lincoln Avenue to a building (engineered and designed by E. J. Peters & V. S. Riggi, Architects, Dunmore, PA) to be constructed on a 1.6-acre tract of land in Carbondale on the east side of Dundaff Street (directly across from Trichilo Wholesale Foods). We regret this decision for two reasons:

1. The architectural integrity of the present Post Office building, especially its exterior, may be impaired if the United States Postal Serivce moves from the Post Office building and the building, among the most important buildings in Carbondale, is occupied by an organization which does not respect the building's aesthetic wholeness. Were the exterior of the present Post Office Building to be violated, its intrinsic value as an outstanding example of American neoclassical architecture would be diminished or negated.

2. Following the demise of the anthracite coal industry in Carbondale and in many other areas of northeastern Pennsylvania, the economic health of the city of Carbondale has been precarious, to say the least. Efforts are presently being made, however, to persuade industrial prospects who are interested in settling in Carbondale